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Metelytsia delights 36th Malanka crowd



Vicki Brooker photo

TAKING FLIGHT - Charlie Rogal takes to the air in a high leap during Metelytsia Dance Club's senior group performance of the national dance of the Ukraine, the Hopak, at Saturday's Malanka celebration.

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point's Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club held their 36th annual Malanka celebration on Saturday, with gypsy storyteller and mistress of ceremonies Marushka leading the countdown to a Happy Ukrainian New Year to start the evening of entertainment, feasting and dancing.

This year, for the first time, the performance by four groups of dancers came before the dinner, with Senior group dancers Charlie and Hank Rogal, Paige and Sam Henderson, Mykaela Verenka, Rhianna Bjorkman, Jorja Theriault and Kyle Yaremko swirling and leaping through the well-practiced moves of the Polissian Quadrille.

The four members of the Intermediate group, Rylee Verenka, Avery Smereka, Dae Smereka and Shaylyn Klatt, danced the Bukovynky Show-off, with their peacock feather headdresses nodding in time to the lively music.

Juniors Anna and Charlotte Henderson, Brenden Scott, Hadley and Evett Smereka, Jacob Petruk and Shyanne Klatt were next on the program, prancing and stomping through the Kozachok.

Then it was time for the tiniest dancers, a group that includes some first year members. With Olivia Gardener missing from the event due to illness, Andon Bepalchuk, Colton Scott, Travis Petruk and Emily Hammond were joined by Metelytsia's new instructor, Jordan Onyschuk, who encouraged them every step of the way through their charming Poltava routine, 'Little Frogs.'

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Town's water rate increase goes to public hearing

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point town council started off the new year with a long, hard look at the first draft of the Council and Appointed Members Remuneration Policy they had requested at their final meeting of 2017, with further deliberations deferred to the Jan. 22 meeting. "There are a few things we need to tweak," Mayor Lorne Young said of the policy. "It's raised a number of points that need to be clarified," from definitions to guidelines spelling out when it is appropriate to charge mileage and other expenses.

The reworked Council and Committee Procedures Bylaw, which now reflects the changes in the Municipal Government Act, also received scrutiny, and was given all three readings at the Jan. 8 meeting.

Water rates go to hearing

A decision regarding increased water rates has been a public hearing before setting the rates, council agreed that it would be prudent to do so. That hearing will take

place at 7 p.m. on Jan. 22, prior to the regular council meeting, when the rates will be set. "We want to hear from the community first," the mayor said.

Garbage bin fee cancelled

The \$3 per month fee charged each month for residential garbage bins since August 1, 2013 has been discontinued, following a motion at the special council meeting on budgets held on Dec. 14, 2017. Council rescinded the 2013 motion at last week's meeting and it was noted that there are sufficient funds in the replacement reserve fund to last for several years.

Extra duties

A long list of additional duties performed by Town of Elk Point staff for the Town of St. Paul's water treatment plant upgrade has been recognized by the provincial government, who approved their out-of-scope administration fees under the Water For Life grant, with that funding now received by the Town of Elk Point and the commission manager, public works superintendent and clerical staff to be paid for the duties they performed for the project outside of their hours of employment.

Gravel pit

A development application for a small gravel pit west of the Elk Point Recreation Park was forwarded by the County of St. Paul for the town's input, with council agreeing to support the application.

Water consumption

A massive water bill resulting from cracked plumbing in a vacant home was brought to council's attention. The water to that home has now been shut off, and while council agreed that they could not reverse the bill, they could offer the owner the option of paying the amount in 12 monthly payments.

Municipal law

A pair of municipal law seminars is coming up in Edmonton in mid February, and CAO Ken Gwozdz was approved to attend these sessions.

Cannabis sales

A request regarding the future establishment of a cannabis sales office was brought to council, with the administration asked to research the applicable regulations once they become available.

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CAPC welcomes new Victim Services manager

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Community Advisory Policing Committee welcomed the new year and new Victim Services program manager Suzanne Larsen at last week's meeting, which was led by the group's original chairman, Jim MacLellan. MacLellan told the group that Dwight Dach, formerly the County of St. Paul representative, had accepted the post of member-at-large and will remain as chair, but was not available for the January meeting, with secretary-treasurer Margaret Modin also absent due to illness.

Another newcomer to the committee is Baptist Church youth pastor Josh Bateman, who will succeed MacLellan as the representative from local churches.

Deputy Mayor Dwayne Yaremkevich told the committee he is hopeful that the Citizens On Patrol Society

can be rejuvenated now, although an attempt two years ago did not receive enough response. He has been researching websites of other Alberta towns that have COPS groups in place.

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce held their annual Christmas Extravaganza on Dec. 1, which was well received by the community, and was pleased to have the RCMP, including their Safety Bear, and Victim Services in the Winter Wonderland Parade.

Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch (GLRCW) president Orest Sereda told the CAPC that he and his wife attended the Zone 4 Rural Crime Watch meeting in St. Michael at the end of November and found that all areas were having similar problems with crime. He also learned that some of the RCW associations do not require a police check for new members. On Nov. 27, 15 GLRCW members were among 104 Albertans to fill the gallery at the provincial legislature and listen to the opposition United Conservative Party "lobbing questions at the acting justice minister. The UPC pushed for an emergency debate on rural crime, but Speaker Robert Warner overruled the motion, saying the topic, though important, didn't fit the criteria for an emergency debate. After two and a half hours, we left disappointed, but not totally discouraged. There are still things we can do, like writing to the justice minister," Sereda said. The GLRCW annual meeting will take place Feb. 22 in St. Paul.

F. G. Miller High School's new representative Shaylyn Klatt reported on the annual Crusader Craft Show, which also included the P.U.P group's Secret Santa Shop, a display of Crazy Critters and entertainment. The school hosted their 40th annual Christmas Brunch on the final day before the Christmas break, prepared and served by the Grade 12 students. Basketball season is up and running following the holidays.

Sherry Bower-Gagne reported that February 25 to March 3 is Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) Week and that National PINK Day is February 28. This year's RAK Week theme is "Stand Together" and the school will be focusing on the prevention of cyberbullying. Pink shirts declaring, "Stand together - Stop Bullying" are available through the school and the entire community is urged to wear pink on Feb. 28, Bower-Gagne said. "Our idea is to turn Elk Point PINK!"

Bower-Gagne thanked the RCMP for organizing the Candy Cane Checkstop, with 12 students taking part, along with Alberta Transportation and local EMS.

Brant Evans reported on behalf of the oil industry

that the cold weather "takes care of a lot of issues in the field," regarding theft and vandalism incidents.

Levina Ewasiuk reported that the Seniors' Recreation Centre activities have resumed after the Christmas break, and include whist and floor curling. New members, age 55 and up, are welcome to join. She expressed a concern regarding recent carjackings in Calgary and asked for suggestions on how drivers can protect themselves from these incidents. Sgt Terry Hyggen said that would-be vehicle thieves "check the doors of parked cars, and if they're locked, they usually move on."

Suzanne Larsen told the group she had taken over the role of Victim Services program manager in mid-November and travels to Elk Point daily from Vermilion. She has been busy from the start, with 16 family violence incidents as part of a total of 28 referrals coming from Elk Point, the county, Frog Lake and Fishing Lake between mid-November and Dec. 31.

Sgt. Hyggen told the CAPC that November and December had been "fairly quiet," although he reported a total of 456 offenses reported and/or committed, including 47 assault, with the detachment kept busy of Christmas and New Year's, with a spike in domestic calls, disturbances and mischief.

Hyggen credited cold weather and recent crime suppression efforts for the slowdown, with some of the "core troublemakers incarcerated." He has a contingency plan in place to deal with those who are being released soon, and said, "I intend to be prepared for it," and will continue to have members monitoring the conditions offenders are released on.

The detachment was represented at Elk Point Elementary School, the local Nov. 11 observances and those at Fishing Lake on Remembrance Day, and enjoyed being part of Extravaganza, he said. "I'm looking forward to next year's already."

Hyggen has obtained a wealth of information on Elk Point's former COPS and told the CAPC, "I really do want to see this up and running."

He praised a worker at a local business, who alerted police when a suspicious individual came to that store, and was apprehended in another business after a short foot chase, with a weapon later found in the first business.

Hyggen hopes to see another roundup of offenders before spring and said he had requested another member for the detachment and would like to see two dedicated to Frog Lake. The completion of the new detachment has now been pushed back to May, he noted.

Council

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Recreation budget

With the sum of \$1,500 still available from the 2017 Recreation Department budget, recreation coordinator Jena Colbourne asked that the surplus funds be transferred to a Recreation Operating Reserve account to be used in planning and carrying out a "Taste of Elk Point" event in August.

Energizing lights

Streetlights in Phase 2A-1 of the Centennial Subdivision and on 45 Street and 60 Ave in the Industrial Park have been installed, and were waiting for the town's approval to be energized. Council moved the required approval.

New job description

A new job description for the town's finance manager was approved.

Strategic planning

Council directed the administration to enter into a contract with TSI Inc. to facilitate a workshop for a strategic plan and a business plan in the coming weeks.

Finance conference

CAO Gwozdz was given approval to attend the 2018 Government Finance Officers Association conference in June in Kananaskis.

ELK POINT & AREA VICTIM SERVICES SOCIETY

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School bus cancellations

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

After another bout of extremely cold weather, Albertans can breathe a sigh of relief as they look ahead to this week's weather forecast.

On Thursday and Friday of last week, St. Paul Education Regional Division buses running outside of the Town of St. Paul were cancelled, due to temperatures dipping below -40C.

"We know it's a fine line," said SPERD Superintendent Glen Brodziak, on Friday afternoon. And while today's buses are built quite well, "the safety of our students and staff have been top priority" when making decisions in extreme weather.

Last week's bus cancellations also coincided with some students writing provincial exams. Part A of English and Social Studies diploma exams took place on Jan. 11 and 12.

While students were encouraged to make alternate arrangements to get to school and write the exams, once again, student safety is paramount, said Brodziak.

"If you get in, that's great, but student safety comes first," he said. And because buses were cancelled, this meant some students could be exempt from Part A of the exam, but Part B would still have to be written, and the teacher mark from the class would have a higher weighting on the affected students' marks.

According to the SPERD inclement weather policy, if the temperature is -40C or colder, then buses will not

run. The division uses the Weather Network's forecast and refers to the "feels like" temperature when making decisions.

"In the event of inclement weather or hazardous road conditions, school bus transportation may be cancelled prior to school opening; early school bus dismissal from schools may occur during school hours; and/or, during severe weather advisory conditions, a school or schools may be closed prior to and/or after schools are opened," reads the policy.

Last week, schools remained open. Brodziak noted that it would only be in an extreme emergency that a school would be closed.

In the end, the final decision on whether or not to send a child to school rests with those closest to the child - the parents.

"During inclement weather, the final decision to send a child to the bus stop or to school rests with parents, even though buses may be operational," reads the policy.

Furthermore, parents are responsible for checking the SPERD website or other information outlets, to receive the correct information with regard to school closures or bus cancellations.

And like always, parents and guardians should ensure that students are dressed appropriately while traveling to and from school during inclement weather conditions, whether they are riding the bus or walking.

The temperatures on a school bus may drop dramatically in the event of mechanical problems, states the policy.

2017 in review

Wrapping up the final four months of 2017, we recap the headlines of...

September

Rezoning of a 1,882-acre parcel adjoining the northeast corner of the Elk Point Agricultural Society Fairgrounds from Industrial (M) District to Community (P) District went unopposed.

The County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS Information Night drew more than 280 visitors to the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre. Elk Point Chamber of Commerce president Geoff Hyslop resigned, vice president Dwayne Yaremkevich taking over the president's chair until the February 2018 annual meeting.

A proposed fireworks permission bylaw sparked debate at town council after a recent Safety Code Council audit identified the need for such a bylaw, since none was in place.

F. G. Miller's Parker Allen, Zane Cribbins, Nicholas Anderson and Kaiden Evans-Anderson won bronze at the 1A/2A Golf Zones in Cold Lake.

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Lindbergh looking for more streetlights

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

A couple of residents from Lindbergh approached County of St. Paul council with a request for a number of streetlights to be installed in the hamlet.

Constance Henderson spoke with council, saying she felt that having more lights could have a positive impact on reducing crime in the area. She said that after attending many meetings on rural crime, she's heard police says that lighting the community up could help deter crime.

She notes that when she's up late at night, she's noticed there is quite a bit of traffic that moves through the community. Henderson added that while the original request was for 15 additional streetlights, "even a few more lights" would be an asset to the community.

There are about a dozen residences in Lindbergh, and while there are about the same number of streetlights already in place, not all of them are in front of residences, and there are some dark areas.

"I'm not opposed to lights where they're required," said Reeve Steve Upham. "It's about wants and needs."

Henderson added that when she was looking into the matter, she was told there would be no cost to residents if more streetlights were installed. Many of the lights requested would be added to existing ATCO poles.

Council confirmed that streetlights costs typically get absorbed into the general expenses and operations of the county.

CAO Sheila Kitz said council might want to consider delaying a decision on the matter, since the county has recently started work on a study that will look at streetlights throughout the municipality. The study is being done in partnership with other neighbouring municipalities.

Henderson asked how long the study would take, as she would like to go back to other residents with a bit of an idea on a timeline.

"I wouldn't guarantee that you'll be in the dark for the next 18 months," said Upham, speaking to how long the study could potentially take. "But, I wouldn't guarantee that you'll look like the Anthony Henday by the end of February," he added.

Coun. Maxine Fodness notes that in the past, when she's dealt with streetlights in her division, there have been incidents where ATCO refused to install a light because there was another one nearby.

Division Coun. Darrell Younghans said that while he felt the lights in Lindbergh likely weren't distributed properly, he would still like to wait and see what the feasibility study says before moving forward.

A motion to wait for the completion of the streetlight study before making a

decision on the matter was carried.

Building permits

Building permits appear to be "way down" when compared to past years, according to CAO Sheila Kitz, as she offered her monthly report to County of St. Paul council on Jan. 9.

In 2017, there were 111 building permits taken out, compared to 205 in 2016 and 156 in 2015.

In 2015 building permit values were at \$54.2 million; they dropped to \$33.6 million in 2016; and then only totaled just under \$9.99 million in 2017.

"It is very evident that oil and gas is not very active," said Kitz.

Utility Bylaw

Council started last week's regular monthly meeting with an in camera session as per Section 27 of the FOIP Act to discuss a legal opinion on a utility billing, and a letter from a county resident.

Following the meeting, CAO Sheila Kitz explained that the Utility Bylaw, which was brought forward at the December council meeting, was changed to provide clarity on two things:

First, wording stating, "Whenever a Customer wishes to abandon a Service Connection to accommodate subdivision or redevelopment of the Property, the Customer shall first obtain approval from the Chief Administrative Officer for the method and location of abandonment and the Customer shall assume responsibility for all costs associated with the same," was changed.

And then, wording was also added to section 19(1), stating, "For greater certainty, where a Utility Service has been shut-off or disconnected, the Customer shall continue, for the duration of the shut-off or disconnection, to be obligated to pay all applicable non-con-

sumption related rates, fees, and charges set out in this Bylaw, including, without restriction, all applicable flat rate or fixed fee charges for Water Services and Sewer Services."

"Our legal advisor felt that these items were already covered in the bylaw, but that this change brought more clarity to the issue," said Kitz.

When council resumed the regular meeting, all motions to approve the three readings of Bylaw 2018-01 the Utility Bylaw, were carried unanimously.

Truck fill

A project to create a new water truck fill station in Elk Point is moving forward, with Urban Systems being selected as the engineer on the project. A land swap agreement has been signed by both the Elk Point Ag Society and the Town of Elk Point, with land for the construction of the truck fill station in Elk Point.

The project is being done with an ACP grant accessed in 2016, with the county as a partner in the project, but the Town of Elk Point as the managing partner.

As part of the agreement, the county of St. Paul will do some landscaping at the C. G. Baker Arena lands to improve drainage of the truck fill station site, and provide an alternate access to the property.

Survey

A Parks and Recreation Needs Analysis and Action Plan is now underway.

A survey will be going out to residents in the Town of St. Paul, County of St. Paul and Town of Elk Point "within the next couple of weeks," according to Kitz in her monthly report.

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County sending rural crime resolution to AAMDC

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

The County of St. Paul put together a resolution on rural crime, which was approved at the AAMDC Zone 5 meeting on Jan. 11, meaning it will now be on the resolution list for the AAMDC Convention in March.

The resolution is titled "Increase crown prosecutor staffing levels for rural municipalities," and was put together by county administration on the direction of council and concerns about increased rural crime.

"Albertans are concerned with the escalating levels of rural crime as evidenced by many media reports over the past few years," states the resolution. It also notes that the Supreme Court of Canada's 2016 decision to put hard timelines in place to resolve cases has resulted in cases being stayed because of a lack of resources in the provincial prosecution service.

The resolution also notes that "the current prosecutor staffing levels are not sufficient to manage the demands of the

numbers of cases on the current docket," and "crown prosecutors in rural municipalities are overworked and understaffed and require additional support to effectively carry out their duties."

The resolution calls on the Government of Alberta to increase crown prosecutor staffing levels, as well as relevant administrative staff for rural communities, and collaborate with rural municipalities to ensure court cases are being prosecuted in a timely manner.

While the province did announced the hiring of 50 new crown prosecutors and 30 support staff, there isn't a lot of information on where those new staff members will go, said Kyle Attanasio, director of corporate services with the County of St. Paul.

Reeve Steve Upham stated he felt the resolution could at least "open up the discussion" on rural crime and put some pressure on the province.

Council approved the resolution on Tuesday, which then was approved on Thursday at the AAMDC Zone 5 meeting.



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St. Edouard	NW 27-57-8-W4M	Vilna	SE 30-59-13-W4M
St. Lina	SE 29-61-10-W4M	Waskateneau	SE 9-59-19-W4M
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NOTICE



Public Hearing – January 22, 2018

2018 Elk Point Utility Rates Going Up

The water/sewer rates for the Town of Elk Point are being proposed to increase due to the Regional Water Commission rate increase and the Capital costs for the water reservoir as well replacing 700 meters with new electronic meters, 274 have been completed already.

NOTE: Rates to be effective January 1, 2018 Consumption

Proposed Elk Point utility rates increase are for 3 reasons:

1. To cover the costs of the Elk Point/St. Paul Regional Water Commission water increase from \$2.02 m³ to \$2.10 m³ effective January 1, 2018 Consumption;
2. To cover the cost of new electronic water meters (700) being replaced; and
3. To cover the costs of the upgrades to the Town's water system (reservoir).

The 2015, 2016, 2017 rates and the new proposed 2018 rate are outlined below:

	2015/2016 Rate		2017 Rate		2018 Rate
	Residential	Non Residential	Residential	Non Residential	Residential & Non Residential
Basic Water (Includes 14m ³)	44.00	44.00	50.00	50.00	60.00
Basic Sewer	11.00	11.00	15.00	15.00	17.00
Garbage	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Garbage Bins (Res)	3.00	0.00	3.00	0.00	0.00
Water Meter Replacement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.00
Basic Total	\$73.00	\$70.00	\$83.00	\$80.00	\$99.00
	Water Rate \$3.00/m ³ over 14m ³		Water Rate \$4.00/m ³ over 14m ³		Water Rate \$4.00/m ³ over 14m ³

In accordance with Section 230 (1) of the Municipal Government Act, Town of Elk Point will be holding a Public Hearing at 7:00 PM Monday, January 22, 2018 to consider a water rate increase of \$16.00 per month Residential and \$19.00 month Non-Residential effective January 1, 2018 Consumption. First billing period will be February 2018.

If you have any comments or concerns please submit in writing on or before January 17, 2018 to Town Office at 4914 – 50 Avenue (Po Box 448) or you are welcome to attend the Public Hearing on January 22, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Thank you.

EDITORIAL

Weather and exams don't mix

Once again this year, winter is doing its best to make it even more difficult for Grade 12 students writing departmental exams to be present on the days that those crucial tests must be written.

It's obvious that weather cannot accurately be predicted as far ahead of time as those exam dates are set, and it's equally obvious that nothing can be done to change the weather because it doesn't suit the exam schedule.

This is one of the challenges of a semester system, a system that if all goes well, can see students head off to post-secondary education or careers half a year before their peers are finished high school. If weather interferes with getting to school to write the required exams, this could jeopardize either of those after-high-school scenarios.

Judging from the number of vehicles in the arena parking lot this past week, the majority of those students attending F. G. Miller High School were able to make their way to school regardless of the extreme cold and heavy snowfall, and that is a good thing. If there had been a roaring three-day blizzard, however, their post-secondary schooling could have been derailed until after the departmentals in June.

Perhaps it's time for the Department of Education to take this into consideration, and have a 'Plan B' that could be put into effect for the students who are prevented by the whims of winter from writing their departmental exams on the prescribed day.

RECREATION CORNER

Recreation needs feedback for master plan

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Review Contributor

Welcome 2018! There's been quite a lot of discussion about tweens and teens and after-school programming available to them. There is an active group, called ROCK that is trying to come up with solutions for kids in this age category. Especially in the winter, it appears there is a lot of time on their hands and a lack of places to go - if your child is not into school sports or hockey. I wanted to hear from you. What type of programming would you like to see for your tweens/teens?

If your kid isn't into school sports or hockey or skating - then what are they into? Would they enjoy board game nights or even video game competitions? Maybe they are into computers and electronics and there can be some sort of club formed from there. With technology moving at lightening speed, it would be beneficial to support kids with these types of dreams and aspirations.

Whatever your kids are into, I want to know to see what we can do to help grow that.

Over the next week or two you will find surveys in your mail box in regards to recreation. Your feedback is needed to help shape a regional master plan for recreation in our town, as well as in the region. We are working with the County of St. Paul, the Town of St. Paul and the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay to create a vision for our region and how we hope to achieve all of our recreational needs and wants. Please take some time to fill out the survey.



WAY BACK WHEN...

Sliders' gold, Hurricanes sweep, free library memberships

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 16 IN...

1988

The Elk Point Sliders slid all the way to the gold medals at the North East Alberta Winter Games in Lac La Biche, Dorothy Cardinal in Ladies' Luge, Jason Smereka and Mark Boulter in Bobsled, Kelly Currey in Nordic Combined and Anthony Bayduza in Men's Luge. Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club hosted a traditional Holy Supper, complete with 12 meatless dishes and treats for the children scattered in the hay under the laden table.

1993

A new concept in community centre planning was discovered by Mayor Ed Buck when he was in Edmonton in his capacity as a school trustee, looking at plans for later modernization of F. G. Miller High School, and asked the Department of Education about the concept of community involvement in the project, as had taken place in Andrew. Minister of Municipal Affairs Steve West told council, "It's going to be tight. Grants are going to be tempered," after Premier Klein vowed to balance the provincial budget.

1998

Elk Point's new garbage bylaw was reviewed and revised before being given second reading at the first meeting of the year, council also meeting with a local resident who came to voice concerns over the proposed changes. Imperial Oil and Amoco Canada Petroleum announced that Koch Oil Co. Ltd. would join them in the proposed ThickSilver Pipeline project.

2003

Elk Point Novice Hurricanes, coached by Mike Rainey and Roland Moneta, swept the 'A' side of their eight-team home tournament, defeating the pint-sized Bonnyville Pontiacs in the final. Pastor John McGregor and his wife Roberta were warmly wel-

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comed to the community that had been their home for over a decade when they came to the Elk Point Baptist Church for a week of revival meetings, Pastor John noting that "It felt a whole lot like coming home when we came over that south hill and saw the town."

2008

Elk Point Municipal Library Board axed membership fees for the residents of the town of Elk Point and the County of St. Paul, in "a bold move" announced by board chair Laverne Wilson. Issues involving youth continued to be a focus for the Community Advisory Policing Committee, with a recent Dare to Care bullying prevention workshop going well, and junior high participants "quite emotional" as the workshop approached violence from an education point of view.

2013

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce welcomed the new year with an analysis of the renewable energy systems at the Visitor Information EcoCentre summarizing the past 18 months of energy production and use, and showing energy generation by the solar array and wind turbine supplied 37 per cent of the building's needs, generating about 4,877 kWh of energy per year at a value of approximately \$536, calculated at 11 cents per kWh.



ELK POINT ELEMENTARY Grade 4B students learned the basics of the classic sport of curling from Rocks and Rings instructor Dana Ferguson.

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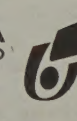
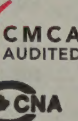
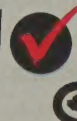
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2nd Chance to become a registered charity

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Review Staff

The 2nd Chance Trail Ride is in for some changes this year, as it becomes a registered charity.

"We'll have the same goals and the same plans, but will operate more professionally" as the 2nd Chance Trail Ride Society, says Fae Irvine, wife of 2nd Chance founder Morris Irvine, "and we may need a larger membership."

In the past year 2nd Chance committee filled 50 applications, donated \$30,000 toward the operation of apartments and \$5,000 in prepaid credit cards for organ transplant patients, along with presenting the patients with countless donated quilts. They also donated \$5,000 to Valour Place, a home-away-from-home for servicemen.

The group continued their quest to raise awareness of the need for organ and tissue donation by taking the placard-bearing wagon to eight parades this past summer and winter in communities from Bonnyville to St. Albert to Lloydminster "and everywhere in between," Irvine said. "We even took it on vacation, in a three day trail ride with lovely weather and good people."

In addition, 2nd Chance members spread the word at no less than 16 public speaking engagements, with one more, in Bonnyville, still coming up on their

calendar.

"And the word is spreading," Irvine confirms, saying that a Lloydminster resident renewing his driver's license was told that the number of clients at that license office who signed their donor cards was up about 30 per cent.

"Here in Elk Point, it's around 70 per cent."

An event in Lloydminster at the end of next week may boost the figure in that area even further. The five-kilometer Transplant Trot organized by the Canadian Transplant Association Lloydminster Regional Group will take place on the indoor track at the Servus Sports Centre on Jan. 27 and will no doubt fulfill its maximum attendance of 200 participants, each of them, as this year's theme says, "Running to celebrate life."

Locally, the Seventh Annual 2nd Chance Trail Ride will head up the Iron Horse Trail from the Lindbergh Staging Area to Elk Point promptly at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 12, and will be followed by a catered supper at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre that will also feature live and silent auctions and a dance, with all proceeds going to support those undergoing transplants and to continue raising awareness of the need for organ and tissue donation.

Watch for further details on the event as they become available.



SPECIAL BOOK ON A SPECIAL DAY - On Jan. 10, which would have been Irene Magnusson's 100th birthday, her daughter Lyn Young presented Elk Point Municipal Library manager Daphne Schnurer with a very special book of her mother's stories and photos, 'Golden Memories of a Lifetime', edited and produced by Irene's granddaughter Joy Magnusson. Only a few copies were printed for the family, with one saved for the library and its patrons to enjoy.

Library to celebrate Family Literacy Day on Jan. 24

LIBRARY STAFF
Review Contributors

Elk Point Municipal Library is getting a head start on Family Literacy Day with this year's Family Literacy Games Day for all ages scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 24, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., with everyone welcome to come and take part in some challenging games.

Last year's event included everything from card games to a giant Jenga, from Twister to the latest board games, and a good time was had

by everyone from tots to seniors. Who knows what kind of games will be on this year's schedule? Join us for snacks, refreshments and fun!

Saturday, January 27 is Family Literacy Day across Canada, a day created by ABC Life Literacy Canada to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Doing an activity together as a family for just 15 minutes a day can help to develop long-lasting literacy skills

in children and strengthen the literacy skills of adults. Alberta Advanced Education says that these activities can be as simple as reading or making up a story together, playing a board game, singing a song while cleaning the house or reading the signs while riding in the car.

Announcements

OBITUARY

**MELNYK
Gerald**



On January 8, 2018, Mr. Gerald Melnyk of Elk Point passed away at the age of 86 years. He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Olga; 2 daughters & 1 son, Sandra (Lee) Stein, Betty (Charlie) Beck & Marvin (Linda) Melnyk; grandchildren, Tanya (Joe), Krystal (Jason), Isaiah, Alica, Amber-Lynn, Megan & Martina; great-grandchildren, Ashlyn, Noah, Micaiah, Jada, Zachary, Kelsey, Ryder & Alexis; brother, Tom (Lorraine) Melnyk; 2 sisters, Mary McIntosh & Helen Melnyk; 4 sisters-in-law, Anne, Beatrice, Florence & Kay Melnyk. He was predeceased by his parents, Onufrey & Jessie Melnyk; brothers, Demi, Sam, Walter, Danny, Ed, Onufer & Boris; sisters, Pearl Slywka & Rose Russell; brothers-in-law, Bill Slywka, Tom Russell & John McIntosh; sisters-in-law, Rose Gurila & Ann Melnyk. A Visitation was held on Saturday, January 13 at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Gardens Funeral Chapel, St. Paul, and cremation followed. If desired, donations may be made to S.T.A.R.S. or a charity of one's choice c/o 5626 - 51 Street, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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HIGHLIGHTS

January 9, 2018 Council Meeting

Resolution to Increase Crown Prosecutor Staffing Levels for Rural Municipalities - Council approved a resolution encouraging the Government of Alberta to increase crown prosecutor staffing levels as well as relevant administrative staff for rural communities and collaborate with rural communities to ensure that court cases are being sufficiently prosecuted in a timely manner. The resolution was approved at the Zone meeting and will be brought forward to the AAMD&C spring convention for further support in March.

4th Quarter Strategic Plan - Council approved the fourth quarter of the 2017 Strategic Plan which can be viewed on the County website.

Coyote Reduction Program - The Ag Service Board started receiving coyotes at the beginning of November and to date have received 350 coyotes, which is slower compared to the past years of this program. The program will continue until the end of March or until the budget has been expended.

Utility Bylaw - Council approved Bylaw No. 2018-01, which is an amendment to the Utility Bylaw to provide clarification on the obligation of residents to pay non-consumption related fees for periods where a service has been disconnected. The amendment to the bylaw is based on a legal opinion.

Automatic Withdrawal for Utility Billings - Beginning in April, utility customers will have the option of having their water and sewer payment automatically withdrawn from their bank account on a monthly basis. Application forms will be mailed to all utility customers with their February bill. The monthly withdrawal will be the actual invoice amount. It will not be pro-rated.

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) - The County is looking for two board members to sit as members-at-large on the SDAB along with the Council members appointed to the Board. This board is called upon when there is a subdivision appeal or an appeal by a ratepayer on a development permit and fulfills the vital function in achieving the goals of orderly, beneficial and economic development set out in Part 17 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA). Training will be provided for board members.

Summer Students - The County is looking for Summer Students to start the beginning of May in various departments throughout the municipality. Positions include Administration, Parks and Public Works Labourers. Resumes can be dropped off at the County Office or at the Public Works Shop.

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Back-to-back road games for Micros, Novice

Sometimes you can save a little gas if you have two kids, on two different teams, playing back to back on the road in the same town on the same day. Someone must have been thinking ahead and I think I may know who it was. Micro Novice manager 'Handy Andy' Ballas must have planned this, her sons, the Ballas Boys, 'Billy Bob' and 'Notorious Nolan' were playing back to back in Marwayne against the Dewberry/Marwayne teams.



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BASSETT
Review Sports

The Micro Novice game was at 9 a.m., the Novice played right after at 10:30 a.m. Both of our teams really competed well and stepped up to the challenge. The Micro Novice crew lost a close battle 7 to 5, Jaxon 'Magic' Marcoux with two goals, 'Major Tom' Melnyk, Ryder 'Rhino' Malo, Theo 'Long Horn' Loughran with one goal each.

Right after that game, the Novice played with Kale 'the Hawk' Ockerman between the pipes, keeping a sharp eye on things and guarding the nest, winning 6 to 4. 'Wyatt Earp' Fontaine finding the twine with three bullets, Remington 'Steel' Reynolds firing his gun into the target with one, Brendon 'Buzz Saw' Kadutski swinging along chopping a path to score one and 'Boe Dog' Jackson getting out of the pound, off his leash on defense and making a run for it getting one too.

It was the only game here in town

on Saturday afternoon, but it was quite the entertaining game! A terrific back and forth battle between the Frog Lake T Birds and our Peewee No. 4 Avalanche; tied at two each after the first period, the Avalanche then seemed to run out of gas in the second period. The T Birds would pull away from them, the score 7 to 4 in favour of the T Birds after 40 minutes. Charged right up and coming out flying in the third, the Avalanche gained the momentum, making a real game of it, pumping in four quick goals, the game coming right down to the final buzzer, the final score 9 to 8 for the T Birds who added two of their own in the third. Kaleb 'Formula One' Flamand in overdrive on the straight away, driving to the net with a hat trick, 'Top Gunner' Crawford finding the top shelf for two and assisting on two others, 'Bo Diddley' Fontaine with two goals and assists on two others, Madden 'Mad Dog' Flamand with a goal and three assists, Dean 'the Machine' Ockerman, Seth 'Motorman' Morton and 'Bazooka Joey' Cardinal all with assists. Great fore-checking up front by Brady the 'Bionic Man' Hymanyk and 'Wild Wyatt' Pavoll, who kept the relentless pressure on the T Birds. Goalie Kade 'the Kid' Fontaine facing 47 shots and that's not counting the ones his defense stopped in their tracks or the shots they blocked. "I get

by with a little help from my friends." Brendon 'Blue Line' Haesch-Baker, Gavin 'Giver' Kadutski and Kaylee Radcliffe doing a terrific job on the 'D', and clearing the traffic out from the danger zone.

Up in Bonnyville on Saturday the Peewee Tier 1 team played a very good first half of the first period, leading the game for a short time, and keeping it within reach after two periods. But the floodgates would open up in the third period, the final score 12 to 4 for Bonnyville. Two goals each for 'King Kong Konnor' Poitras and 'Mick Jager' Fontaine, Cash 'Paycheque' Capjack and Sam 'Spiderman' Rogal getting the assists.

On Sunday the Tier 1 team traveled to Meadow Lake and played their best game of the year so far, according to their head coach James Capjack. He was very proud of them after the game. All twelve of his players showed up and played a full 60 minutes. This was quite an improvement from the last time these two teams met in Elk Point. The Avalanche playing a very fast game, it was tied at 6-all well into the third period. The final 8 to 6 is very respectable, considering the level of competition. Landon 'the Magnificent' Malachowski has been moved back to defense and is doing a terrific job back there. Two goals for 'King Kong Konnor' plus an assist, 'Mick Jager' getting one goal and three assists, 'Paycheque' with one goal and four assists, Ceajay 'Greasy' Quinney

and Ryan 'Ram Rod' Cameron with one goal each, Landon 'the Magnificent' with two assists. It never went in, but Vaughn 'the Vulture' Ockerman went coast to coast getting a great shot on net.

The Atoms played a close one here at home on Sunday against Wainwright, the final score 9 to 7. Braylee 'Little Willy' Lesyk and Evett 'Snoopy' Smereka with two goals each. Timmy 'the Freight Train' Cardinal rolling down the track, with a goal and an assist. 'Cyclone Cole' Pierce and Raif 'Rug Rat' Evans-Anderson with one goal each. Charlotte 'Web Mail' Henderson with two helpers, Braden 'Pinball' Pinette and Kaysen 'Dynamite' DeMoissac also on the score sheet with one assist each. Behind the mask, goalie 'Good Time Charlie' Lesyk doing another outstanding job of keeping the rubber out. 'Good Time Charlie' rarely takes a day off when it comes to competing!

It wasn't pretty, but a win, is a win, and still counts as two points when all is said and done. The Midget Avalanche played the Lac La Biche Clippers here at home right after the Atom game on Sunday. Down by 5 to 3 at the half way point in the game, the boys would pull up their socks and give a better effort in the third period, the final score 8 to 5 for the Avalanche. The game got a little ugly in their third period too. There were plenty of penalties and goals to deal with, keeping the timekeepers busy and penalty box doors swinging.

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Experience:

- Minimum 5 years' experience at a senior management level in financial accounting and reporting field of a municipality or government organization.
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Elks trample Eagles 8-3

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The home town crowd was in for a treat on Friday night when the Elk Point Elks hosted the St. Walbureg Eagles, as they coasted to an 8-3 win over the visitors.

The Eagles were first on the scoreboard, but Ryley Wozniak, assisted by Jordyn Wozniak, and Scott Ward, assisted by Matthew Boulianne, put the Elks out in front with a pair of goals less than five minutes apart. The Eagles caught up briefly, but Dyson Karbaszewski, assisted by Ward and John Schmitt, put the Elks out in front again before the end of the first period.

The Elks would score another pair around the middle of the second period, Nathan Rosychuk assisted by Riley Wozniak and Henry Cardinal assisted by Silas Makokis and Brent Bacque, with a single from the Eagles making the score 5-3 after 40 minutes.

Rosychuk's second goal of the evening came early in the third, off assists by Ryley Wozniak and Kam Ballas, before Ryley Wozniak scored two more for a hat trick, assisted by Ward on both, and on one goal each by Rosychuk and Myles Whitford, to bring the score to 8-3 with just under four minutes to play.

With one weekend and one home game to go in the league schedule, the Elks are currently tied for fourth with Two Hills Longhorns, both with 20 points apiece, one point behind Dewberry Mustangs, four behind Wainwright Rustlers and seven behind the league leading Hillmond Hitmen.

The Elks' final home game goes Saturday night at 8:30 against the Vermilion Rock.

County

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Batteries

Also during her report, Kitz noted that there have been some break-ins reported at transfer stations in the county. Signs were being put up to say that there were no batteries on site at the transfer stations, since that is what thieves appeared to be targeting.

Bounty

A total of 350 coyotes have been brought in through the County of St. Paul's coyote/wolf bounty program during the months of November and December, reported Kitz.

Pickleball

The St. Paul Pickleball Club has been approved a request for \$3,000 from the County of St. Paul to help purchase a pitching machine, which includes accessories and a ball retriever.

The club was started in 2013, and has been growing in numbers ever since. The club estimates that about 30 per cent of its membership is from the County of St. Paul. The club also requested a \$6,600 grant from the Town of St. Paul to cover the cost of line painting. The club is also requesting that the town bring power to the Kinsmen Park, located near the Regional High School, for the pitching machine.

Coun. Cliff Martin asked if the club had applied for a grant, to which it was noted that while the club did consider its options for a grant for the pitching machine, it felt that since it wasn't a huge amount, it would start with the current request of \$3,000.

Coun. Maxine Fodness made a motion to approve the request, which was carried.

CLASSIFIED AD DEADLINE

Wednesday 4 pm



METELYTSIA'S NEW INSTRUCTOR Jordan Onyschuk (far right) beams with approval at the entire group of dancers at the conclusion of Saturday's successful show.



Malanka

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Onyschuk is also an instructor with Edmonton's Cheremosh dance group, and says his goal is "to improve their skills while having fun." Former Metelytsia dancer Jaden Plaska, who was not in attendance at the concert, has been assisting Onyschuk, and also has spent extra time coaching each group individually, Marushka noted.

It is a timeless tradition for every Ukrainian Dance performance to end with the Hopak, the national dance of the Ukraine, and the senior group returned to the stage to delight the crowd once more with their energy and skill.

All ages of dancers gathered on stage at the conclusion of the show, where every dancer was introduced and proud parents and grandparents snapped photos of the group.

The supper of traditional favourites that followed was proudly prepared by the families of the dancers and other volunteers, with praise once again given to the Golden Loaf Bakery for the use of their facilities for the preparation of the mountains of pyrohy prepared for both this event and for the pyrohy supper last fall.

Marushka presided over the draws for a number of door prizes before tables were moved back and the long time favourite County Express band tuned up for the dance that wound up another great Malanka celebration of fun and festivity.

THE JUNIOR BOYS kick up a storm as their group performs the 'Kozachok'.

THE INTERMEDIATE GIRLS (below left) display their skills in the 'Bukovynsky Show-Off' while the Beginners, below, tell the tale of the 'Little Frogs' with their number.

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October

DJ Drobot of F. G. Miller set a course record of 23 minutes, 31 seconds in the senior boys' 6,000M race at the SPAA Cross Country held at Ross Lake.

Two mayoral candidates and six town council candidates faced the voters' questions at a well-attended pre-election forum hosted by the chamber of commerce.

The final meeting of the 2013-2017 version of town council started off with a discussion of the same issue that faced the town's first ever council at their first meeting in June, 1938: a dog control bylaw.

There were new faces on both town and country councils, with Lorne Young elected as mayor to head up a council consisting of incumbents Debra McQuinn and Dwayne Yaremkevich and newcomers Sherry Bower-Gagne and Terri Hampson, while incumbent County of St. Paul reeve Steve Upham was re-elected along with Cliff Martin, Maxine Fodness and

Laurent Amyotte, with Darrell Youngmans, Kevin Wirsta and Dale Hedrick as the newcomers.

The new town council was sworn in and agreed to hold the line on compensation, but added a new \$250 honorarium for meetings or events lasting more than four hours.

F. G. Miller's cross-country team placed a proud second in the 2A division at Provincials.

November

A cold and snowy Halloween saw F. G. Miller High School host their first ever Halloween Family Frolic, with games, activities and treats for the youngsters.

Elk Point Elementary School Ambassadors played a major role in Elk Point's Remembrance Day program, reading poems and singing at the indoor portion of the event, as well as assisting with the wreath laying ceremony.

Joey and Danny Cardinal, Charlie Rogal, Odin Smith and Chayse Pankiw were part of the St. Paul Bengals football team that won the Alberta Bantam Tier III provincial championship over Lacombe Raiders.

Elk Point Allied Arts had crowds howling with laughter at their dinner theatre, "A Nice Family Christmas." Marjorie Scott of Heinsburg and Vicki Brooker of Elk Point were named Volunteers of the Year at the FCSS Seniors' Festival.

December

The Christmas Extravaganza may not have been the biggest in the event's 31 year history, but the Winter Wonderland Parade, blazing bonfire, cookie decorating, hot chocolate and cotton candy still brought out enthusiastic crowds.

Five churches joined in harmony at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church for the Christmas Cantata.

Community Choir director Udo Mueller invited past members of the choir who were in the audience to join the current group on stage for their final number at the choir's Christmas Concert.

Elk Point was merry and bright for Christmas, with Elvis Sibal, the Ginez family and Jack and Leona Bretzer named the winners of the chamber of commerce Christmas Lighting and Decorating Contest.

Hockey

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Four goals and an assist for the highly talented team captain 'Awesome Alex' Hunter, Nick 'Sparky' Anderson lighting the lamp with two, and assisted on three others. Clap for the 'Wolfman'!! Wolke 'the Wolfman' Cueva with a goal and an assist. Rugged D-man 'Warrior Warren' Ference adding a goal. The lanky 'Big O' Brody Odgaard, Austin 'Astro' Axley, Chase 'Rink Rat' Dorey, Abe 'New Guy' Neufeld, and defenseman Hank 'the Tank' Rogal all on the game sheet with assists.

Sixteen candles for our granddaughter Heaven 'the Brick House' Colbourne who plays goalie for the Lakeland Jaguars Female Midget team. Her birthday was this past Sunday and she played in net against her old teammates from the Storm, Jelena 'Prime Time' Parr and Jace 'Jack Hammer' Weidmark who now play for the Vermilion Tigers.

The Dewberry girls were not being very nice to the 'Brick House' on her birthday, the Tigers winning this one 3 to 1.

And down in Irma on Saturday, two other former Storm players, bantam aged Jacey 'the Lady' Capjack and Sydnee 'the Kid' Crawford both played for the East Central North team in their All Star game against the South, the South winning this one.

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week, "There is no position in sport as noble as goaltending." - Vladislav Tretiak